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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNOR ON BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE
ISSUE

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1. REFTEL (A) REFERS TO A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BETWEEN GOVERNOR POSNETT; DAVID LAZAR, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS; AND MYSELF AT BELMOPAN ON SEPTEMBER 14.

GOVERNOR POSNETT CALLED ME TO BELMOPAN TODAY TO EXPRESS SOME CONCERN FOR WHAT HE FEELS WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING OF HIS INFORMAL REMARKS WHICH HAVE COME BACK TO HIM THROUGH WASHINGTON AND LONDON PRESUMABLY AS A RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN LAZAR, BOWDLER AND BRITISH OFFICIALS.

2. HE STATED THAT BRITISH POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED WITH RESPECT TO BELIZE, AND THAT IN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBLE RAISING OF THE ISSUE AT THE UN HE WAS MERELY TALKING OF PREMIER PRICE'S OWN DESIRES AND AMBITIONS IN TRYING TO OBTAIN SOME MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUE RATHER THAN ANY NEW BRITISH POLICY. POLICY REMAINS THAT OF DIS-
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COURAGING SUCH EFFORTS.

3. THE BRITISH CANNOT PREVENT EFFORTS OF BELIZE'S FRIENDS IN CARIBBEAN AND THIRD WORLD FROM TRYING TO ASSIST BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE EFFORTS IN UN AND ELSEWHERE, BUT ARE HOPING TO DISCOURAGE ANYTHING THAT WILL STOP CONTINUING BILATERAL EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE ISSUE. WOLLAM

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